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FROM AMBASSADOR CARTER

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SHUM, CB  
SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS IN CAMBODIA: 31ST SESSION, UN SUB-  
COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION  
OF MINORITIES

REF: STATE 205468

1. I CAN APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH APPEAR TO DO  
EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IN PUSHING CONSIDERATION OF KAMPUCHEA  
QUESTION BEFORE APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL FORA, BUT I HAVE  
SERIOUS QUESTION AS TO EFFICACY OF FSO CARNEY'S COMING TO  
GENEVA "TO PROVIDE EXPERT ASSISTANCE TO AMERICAN MEMBER  
AT SUB-COMMISSION....". IT MAY BE USEFUL TO REMIND THAT  
THERE IS AN EXPERT ON SUB-COMMISSION WHO HAPPENS TO BE  
AMERICAN BUT THAT IN POINT OF FACT HE SERVES IN HIS INDI-  
VIDUAL REPEAT INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY AND NOT AS AN INSTRUCTED  
GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE. DEPARTMENT HAS GONE TO SOME  
LENGTHS TO SUPPORT THIS UNIQUE DISTINCTION IN THE PAST AS  
IT IS AT THE CORE OF THE BEING OF THE SUB-COMMISSION.  
(FYI: SUB-COMMISSION IS COMPOSED OF 26 INDIVIDUAL "EXPERTS"  
ELECTED BY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS WHO SERVE FOR THREE  
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YEARS. SUB-COMMISSION IS A RESOURCE GROUP WHICH, AMONG  
OTHER THINGS, CONDUCTS STUDIES AND EXAMINES HUMAN RIGHTS  
VIOLATIONS. IT REPORTS, OF COURSE, TO AND TAKES ITS IN-  
STRUCTION FROM, THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, THE POLITICAL  
BODY OF MEMBER STATES).

2. I ALSO WONDER, ALBEIT I AM PERSONALLY MOST SYMPATHETIC

AL VALUE AN OFFICER WITH EVEN THE FINEST CREDENTIALS ON THE SUBJECT CAN PROVIDE CONSIDERING THE OVERALL AGENDA RESPONSIBILITIES I WILL BE FACING. HE WILL NOT SIT WITH ME DURING THE DEBATE ON THIS QUESTION. NOR CAN I PREDICT HOW THIS QUESTION IS GOING TO BE RECEIVED OR THE LENGTH OF THE DEBATE. CONSIDERING THE EXCEEDINGLY FULL AGENDA OF OTHER URGENT ITEMS ALSO, THIS QUESTION IS NOT LIKELY TO CONSUME MORE THAN A HALF-DAY AT THE OUTSIDE. I DO NOT PROPOSE TO SPEAK FOR U.S. MISSION GENEVA, BUT I ASSUME WITH AN OFFICIAL MISSION OBSERVER PRESENT, THAT DEPARTMENT INTERESTS WOULD BE PROTECTED.

3. DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO WISH CONSIDER WHETHER IT DESIRABLE TO HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE IN PLACE WHO WILL ADD TO U.S. VISIBILITY ON THIS ITEM. I NEED MORE PERSUASION TO UNDERSTAND OBJECTIVE AND UTILITY OF CARNEY VISIT IN VIEW OF SHORT RATIONS WE'RE ALL ON THESE DAYS IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE. SORENSON

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